AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) ~~Handling~~ A handling device ~~(10)~~ of plastics material, comprising at least one contact portion which is constituted by an anti-skid outer contact zone ~~(18)~~ and a rigid zone ~~(20)~~, ~~characterised in that~~ the contact portion is produced from a single composite plastics material which is ~~constituted by the~~ a mixture of at least one anti-skid component ~~(18a)~~ having a viscosity V1 at ~~the~~ an injection temperature and a rigid component ~~(20a)~~ which forms said rigid zone and is physico-chemically compatible with the anti-skid component ~~(18a)~~ and which has a viscosity V2 at the injection temperature, ~~and in that~~ the viscosity V1 is lower than the viscosity V2 so that the anti-skid outer contact zone ~~(18)~~ comprises a higher concentration of anti-skid component than the rigid zone ~~(20)~~.

2. (currently amended) ~~Handling~~ The handling device ~~(10)~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the anti-skid component ~~(18a)~~ is a thermoplastic elastomer.

3. (currently amended) ~~Handling~~ The handling device ~~(10)~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the rigid component ~~(20a)~~ is of polyethylene.

4. (currently amended) ~~Handling~~ The handling device ~~(10)~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the plastics material comprises at least one additional reinforcement component~~, such as talcum or fibres~~.

5. (currently amended) ~~Handling~~ A handling pallet ~~(10)~~ comprising the handling device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the contact portion is ~~the~~ an upper plate ~~(12)~~ of the handling pallet.

6. (currently amended) ~~Handling~~ A handling pallet ~~(10)~~ comprising the handling device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the contact portion is a base plate ~~(16)~~ of the handling pallet.

7. (withdrawn) ~~Handling~~ A handling container ~~(40)~~ comprising the handling device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the contact portion is ~~the~~ a base wall ~~(42)~~ of the container.

8. (withdrawn) ~~Movable~~ A movable carriage ~~(50)~~ comprising the handling pallet according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the contact portion is ~~the~~ an upper plate ~~(52)~~ of said carriage.

9. (currently amended) ~~Handling~~ The handling device ~~(10)~~ according to claim 2, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the rigid component ~~(20a)~~ is of polyethylene.

10. (currently amended) ~~Handling~~ A handling pallet ~~(10)~~ comprising the handling device according to claim 2, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the contact portion is ~~the~~ an upper plate ~~(12)~~.

11. (currently amended) ~~Handling~~ A handling pallet ~~(10)~~ comprising the handling device according to claim 2, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the contact portion is a base plate ~~(16)~~.

12. (withdrawn) ~~Handling~~ A handling container ~~(40)~~ comprising the handling device according to claim 2, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the contact portion is ~~the~~ a base wall ~~(42)~~ of the container.

13. (withdrawn) ~~Movable~~ A movable carriage ~~(50)~~ comprising the handling device according to claim 2, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the contact portion is ~~the~~ an upper plate ~~(52)~~ of said carriage.

14. (new) The handling device according to claim 4, wherein the at least one additional reinforcement component is talcum or fibers.

15. (new) A plastic handling device, comprising a contact portion which comprises an anti-skid outer contact zone and a rigid zone, said contact portion being formed from a single composite plastics material which comprises a mixture of an anti-skid component and a rigid component which forms said rigid zone and which is physico-chemically compatible with the anti-skid component, said anti-skid outer contact zone envelops said rigid zone.